

Fatty Bear's Birthday Surprise™

3DO Manual

How to Start Fatty Bear's Birthday Surprise

To Play Fatty Bear's Birthday Surprise, turn on your 3DO and insert the Fatty Bear's Birthday Surprise CD-ROM. In a few moments, the game will start.

If you are already playing a different CD, remove it from the tray, and replace it with Fatty Bear's Birthday Surprise. Close the door. The game will start in a moment.

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Fatty Bear's Birthday Surprise is designed for kids who aren't old enough to read manuals. So, we created a game that, we think, is so easy to use we considered just saying: "Have Fun!" But here are a few basic pointers.

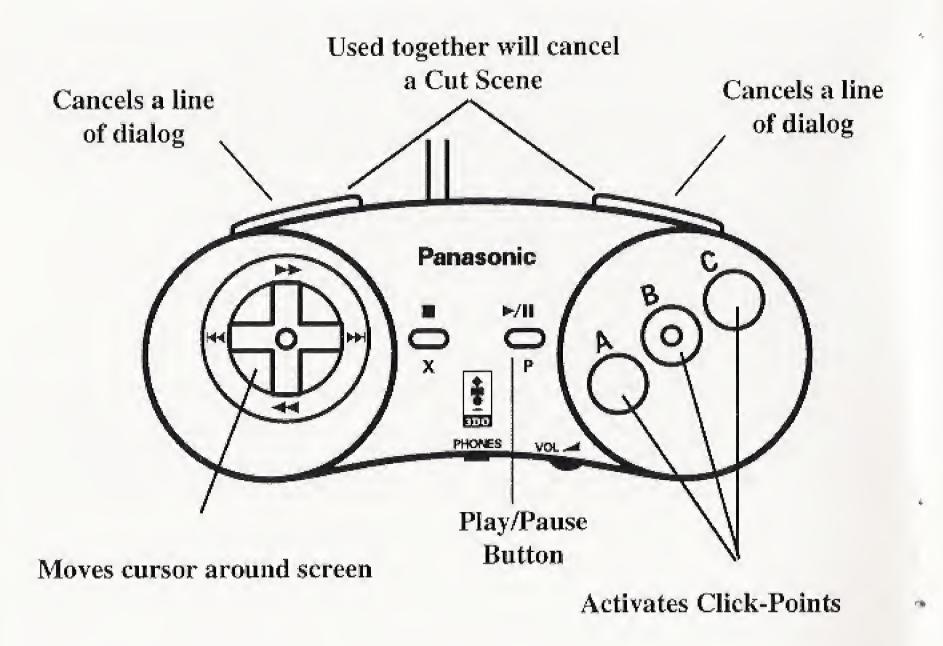
What's the object of the game?

Welcome to Fatty Bear's house! With Kayla's birthday just hours away, Fatty Bear and his friends set out to make it the best birthday ever. They need to make a cake and decorate her room before she wakes up. It's a bit trickier than it sounds. Things are never where you left them, and there's always time to play a few tunes, bowl a few games, etc..

How do I move Fatty Bear from place to place?

Just point and click and you're on your way, directing Fatty Bear around the house and yard. When your cursor is over an exit, it changes to a big arrow; just click (press the A, B, or C button) and Fatty Bear will amble off to the next location.

Controller Guide



About those secret Click Points...

Fatty Bear's world is alive with secret Click Points. Click on the light in Kayla's room..., the bathrobes hanging on the wall in her parent's room..., or the hundred or so other spots around Fatty Bear's home, and watch the fun unfold.

Making use of Useful Objects.

Some of the things you click on will be useful to Fatty Bear - he'll put these objects in his pockets. For example, you might want to click on the cheese (it's in the fridge). To use an object from his pocket, simply click on it. Your cursor will turn into that object. Now, position the cursor over an item in the Play Area and click again.

Help! I'm stuck.

Your child can do some first class Junior Problem-Solving. Is there a locked door you can't get past? An ingredient missing from the cake? Can't find those ribbons anywhere? There's always a way to accomplish the task at hand, but it might require following a few directions and applying some real kid brainpower to the problem.

Be sure to talk with Matilda Rabbit and Gretchen - they always have some helpful information. Additional guidance can be found by clicking on items in Fatty Bear's pockets or Fatty Bear himself.

How does Bowling work?

When you enter the bowling field, Fatty Bear is taking aim by moving the ball back and forth from left to right. Keep your eye on the ball. When you think it's in a good position, release the ball by clicking the A, B, or C button anywhere in the Play Area. Fatty Bear will then bowl. Your score appears in the lower part of the screen. You get to bowl twice per frame (unless you get a strike), and there are 10 frames in a game.

Our Design Philosophy

Children need to be given the opportunity to explore; it's how they learn, after all. You might find that younger kids want to spend their time tryi ng to discover all the secret Click Points; while older kids focus on helping Fatty Bear accomplish his goals. Either approach is fine. If they ask for help, by all means give it. But if you're eager to take over (as we've discovered some parents to be) wait until the kids are tucked in bed at night. Then Fatty Bear's all yours, and you don't have to breathe a word.

We've created our Junior Adventures as pure kid entertainment. They're not designed to drill kids on reading, writing and arithmetic, but we do think they're a wonderful way to help little ones develop their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. We hope that your kids have as much fun with Fatty Bear as our kids do. We designed Fatty Bear's Birthday Surprise for them. We designed it for your kids too.

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